

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action of January 24, 2006 has been reviewed in detail and this paper is responsive thereto. Claims 21-25 and 27-42 are pending. Claims 39-42 are objected to. Claims 21-25 and 27-38 stand rejected. No new matter has been introduced into the application. As explained in more detail below, Applicant respectfully submits that all remaining pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claims 39, 40, 41 and 42 are objected to under 37 CFR §1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim.

Applicant submits that claims 39-42 do not depend from other multiple dependent claims and that the rejection is improper. Applicant submits the each of dependent claims 39-42 do depend on other dependent or independent claims, none of which are multiple dependent claims. If the Examiner maintains the rejection, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner specifically point out for each claim the particular dependency which is creating the objections. Applicant submits that each of these claims presents additional aspects of Applicant's invention and should be treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 23, 24, 31, 37, 28 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Metso, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,920,826 ("Metso"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

An aspect of Applicant's invention includes a method of operating a mobile telecommunications device such as a mobile telephone. The mobile telephone includes a list of contacts that are stored in a memory of the device. A contact may be selected from the list of contacts and a screen is accessed for composing a message which may be an email message having a recipient address field by activating a user interface stored in the memory of the mobile terminal. The user interface provides call handling functionality such as upon activation of the user interface an address which may be an email address of the selected contact may be populated in the recipient address field. The message that is composed may be an email message

and the interface providing call handling is activated to send the message to the address entered in the recipient address field.

The utilization of such call handling functionality, preferably in the form of key inputs of the user interface, permits the laborious, time consuming processes of the prior art, which were utilized to formulate email messages as described at paragraph [0003] of the Substitute Specification, to no longer be necessary to send messages.

The cited document (Metso) provides a communication system for transmitting text messages to a mobile terminal in a radio telephone network. As shown in Figure 4, a local mobile terminal (402) is coupled to an external computer (such as personal computer 400) through a serial link 404. (Column 4, lines 55-57 and Column 7, lines 14-17). The personal computer 400 is used to generate, manipulate, and store text messages which may be transmitted over the radio telephone network via the local mobile terminal. In particular, Metso provides user interfaces display on the personal computer 400 which enables the data transfer of text messages between the personal computer 400 and the local mobile terminal 402. Metso is concerned with the operability of text messages through a personal computer which is coupled to a local mobile terminal as shown in the following portions of the Metso document:

Since the user interface of the personal computer 400 is greatly enhanced relative to the local mobile terminal 402, a user can manipulate SMS message data more easily via the personal computer 400 than via the local mobile terminal 402. For example, the SMS message may be edited using the personal computer 400, and SMS messages may be easily created using the keyboard 506. The mobile terminal memories 306, 308 may also be directly adapted by the user via the personal computer 400 to edit, create or order SMS messages for example. Generally, a personal computer 400 will have more memory than the local mobile terminal 402.
(Col. 7, line 31-42).

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Additionally, the personal computer can be configured to provide an address book which is larger than the telephone number storage facility usually available on mobile terminals. (Col. 7, lines 50-53).
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Controlling the SMS features of the local mobile terminal 402 via a personal computer 400 provides greater flexibility as to when SMS messages are transmitted. (Col. 7, lines 63-65).

Claim 23 is an independent claim which includes the claimed feature of a mobile telecommunications device **including a memory for storing a list of contacts and a user interface providing call handling**, the method comprising the steps of:

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(c) activating the user interface providing call handling to access a screen for composing a text message having a field of entry of at least one of a recipients telephone number and name, wherein activation of **the user interface** providing call handling also enters at least one of a selected telephone number and name of the selected contact in at least one of the telephone number and name field (Emphasis Added).

The Office Action contends that this feature may be found in Metso in Figures 9 and 10 and in specification at Col. 11, lines 22-67. Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that Metso does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least the above claimed feature. As can be seen in the above claimed feature, the user interface is stored on the mobile telecommunications device and not in a personal computer as shown in Metso. In particular, Metso states "Particular user interface configurations for a personal computer 400 configures to control the SMS messaging of a local mobile terminal are shown in FIGS. 6, 7, and 9." (Col. 8, lines 7-9). Therefore, the user interface cited by the Office Action is part of a personal computer controlling the operability of text messages to and from a local mobile terminal. Therefore for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 23 is patentably distinct over Metso. In addition, dependent claims 24, 31, 34, 37, 28 which ultimately depend from independent claim 23 are allowable for at least the same reason as independent claim 23.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 21, 22, 25, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 38 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Metso in view of Kamada, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,192,258. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claim 21 is an independent claim which includes the claimed feature of a mobile telecommunications device **including a memory for storing a list of contacts and a user interface providing call handling**, the method comprising the steps of:

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(c) accessing a screen for composing an e-mail message having a recipient address filed by activating the user interface providing call handling, wherein activation of **the user interface** providing call handling also enters the e-mail address of the selected contact in the recipient address field.
(Emphasis Added).

The Office Action states "Regarding claim 21, the rejection to claim 23 over Metso et al. (US 5,920,826) as set forth above is herein incorporated." Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action cited material of Metso with regards to independent claim 23 included references to Figures 9 and 10 and the Metso specification at Col. 11, lines 22-67.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above cited material in Metso and in fact the entire Metso document does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least the above claimed feature. As can be seen in the above claimed feature, the user interface is stored on the mobile telecommunications device and not in a personal computer as shown in Metso. In particular, Metso states "Particular user interface configurations for a personal computer 400 configures to control the SMS messaging of a local mobile terminal are shown in FIGS. 6, 7, and 9." (Col. 8, lines 7-9). Therefore, the user interface cited by the Office Action is part of a personal computer controlling the operability of text messages to and from a local mobile terminal. Therefore for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 is patentably distinct over Metso. In addition, dependent claims 22, 25, 28, 29-30, 33-36, and 37 which ultimately depend from independent claim 21 are allowable for at least the same reason as independent claim 21.

Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Metso in view of Laursen, et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0229595. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claim 27 is an independent claim which includes the claimed feature of a mobile telecommunications device **including a memory for storing a list of contacts and a user interface providing call handling**, the method comprising the steps of:

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(1) activating **the user interface** providing call handling to display contact details, the contact details including a URL address associated with the selected contact
(Emphasis Added).

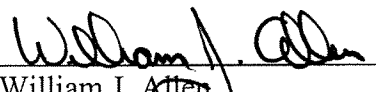
The Office Action states "Regarding claim 27, the rejection to claim 23 over Metso et al. (US 5,920,826) as set forth above is herein incorporated." Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action cited material of Metso with regards to independent claim 23 included references to Figures 9 and 10 and the Metso specification at Col. 11, lines 22-67.

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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and a finding of their allowability. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

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